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## **CHP HONORS FALLEN OFFICERS**

**WEST SACRAMENTO** – Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and California Highway Patrol Commissioner Mike Brown, today joined the families of two fallen CHP officers to place a wreath at the CHP Academy's Memorial Fountain.

The two CHP Officers were:

- ✪ **Officer Thomas J. Steiner** from the CHP's Santa Fe Springs Area Office, who was gunned down in front of a Pomona courthouse April 21, 2004 after he had finished testifying in a series of traffic cases and was walking to his car.
- ✪ **Officer James M. Goodman** from the San Bernardino CHP office was responding on his motorcycle to the Redlands Department of Motor Vehicles building to investigate a hit and run traffic collision. Upon his arrival, he gave chase behind the suspected hit and run driver when another vehicle pulled out and hit him.

The Governor along with Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante, Attorney General Bill Lockyer, and Business, Transportation & Housing Agency Secretary Sunne Wright McPeak were present for the ceremony. Each offered short remarks recognizing the courage and sacrifice of the two officers.

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Schwarzenegger emphasized the valor of the fallen officers, “Their heroism symbolizes the courageous commitment of all CHP officers. You patrol the front lines of Justice, you put your lives on the line to keep us safe, and you give our children a future without fear. No one can ask for more. So today let us honor these California heroes and always remember the great work and the great service that they have provided to the people of California.”

Recalling Officer Steiner’s death, Secretary McPeak said, “the bullet struck Officer Steiner, but the gun was aimed at all of us.”

The CHP Academy memorial fountain bears plaques engraved with the names of each of the Department’s 202 officers killed in the line of duty since its formation 76 years ago.

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